

Newsletter



2026 Annual Awards Dinner & Community Celebration

Join the Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce for an evening dedicated to celebrating all things Wellsville and the people who make our community such a special place to live, work, and thrive.

Saturday, May 16, 2026,
Cocktails at 5PM
Dinner at 6PM

Wellsville Country Club
3006 Riverside Dr
Wellsville NY

Honorees this year are:

Business of the Year - **Kent Beer Company**
New Business of the Year - **The Solutions Hub**
Community Service Award - **Tim Colligan**
Caregiver Service Award - **Dr. Zahi Kassas**
Educator of the Year - **Larry Peacock**
First Responder Award - **Chris Perkins**
Youth Service Award - **Ella Green**
Veteran of the Year - **Kris Green**



Tickets are \$40.00 and are available at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-annual-awards-dinner-and-community-celebration> or at the Chamber.



Wine

TICKETS:
\$45 Regular
\$65 VIP

Walk

Join Us for the
Tastiest Day of
the Year!

MAY 2, 2026
1:00 - 4:00 PM
VIP event begins 12:00pm

WINE TASTINGS - WINE PULL - DOOR PRIZES

We've added some fun
extras this year that you
won't want to miss!

Tickets go on sale in April

For more information:
585-593-5080
www.wellsvilleareachamber.com



New this year!

VIP Wine Walk Experience – Limited
Tickets!

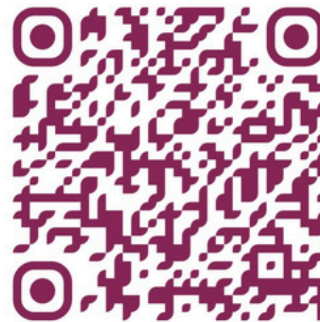
Get ready to sip, savor, and indulge before
the crowd!

Join us for an exclusive VIP experience at
the 2026 Wine Walk, featuring premium
Bully Hill Vineyards wines perfectly paired
with delicious light appetizers and sweet
treats.

Enjoy a private, relaxed tasting from 12PM–
1PM at the David A. Howe Library, and skip
the general admission check-in process—
VIP attendees will be checked in for the
Wine Walk upon arrival at the VIP event!

Only 50 tickets available – this intimate
experience will sell out quickly!

Wine Walk
Tickets are on
sale now!



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/wine-walk-2026>



news!



Wellsville Development Corporation
2026 FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS
Now Available!

By sponsoring a flower planter this year, you can help line Main Street with beautiful flowers all spring & summer!
Business & Individual Sponsorship Levels Available
 Plus, brand new this year is a "Pay What You Can" option if you just want to chip in to support the cause!

SPONSORSHIPS ARE LIMITED
[LINKTR.EE/WLSVDEVELOPMENTCORP](https://linktr.ee/wlsvdevelopmentcorp)

Have dreams for Wellsville?

Betterment & beautification grants available!

Who can apply?

Individuals or non-profit organizations with a project in mind that would help make Wellsville a better or more beautiful place! Business Improvement Grants will be available again in fall 2026.

Does my idea qualify?

Physical beautification projects are great and community wide events that enrich Wellsville are also something we love to see! Contact Heather via the link below with questions or to run your idea past her!

How would this help?

The WDC will give you up to \$500 to help make your dream for our community a reality!




APPLY NOW



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
 -Hellen Keller

LINKTR.EE/WLSVDEVELOPMENTCORP | APPLICATIONS DUE 5/1/2026

Betterment & Beautification
 Applications Due May 1st



Chamber events

COMING SOON

May

5/2/2026 Annual Wine Walk

5/16/2026 Annual Awards Dinner & Community Celebration

5/29/2026 Community Clean Up

June

6/4/2026 Golf Tournament & Clambake

July

7/18/2026 Main Street Festival - Vendor Spaces SOLD OUT!!

All dates subject to change

Check out website for more information!

www.wellsvilleareachamber.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events in May 2026

GRID LIST MONTH WEEK DAY May 2026 Go

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 36TH GRELATER WELLSVILLE ANNUAL TROUT DERBY	27	28 12:00 PM: BLOOD DRIVE - JONES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	29	30	1 7:30 PM: GLOW 5K RUN & WALK	2 10:00 AM: SCHIZOPHRENIA AWARENESS WALK 11:00 AM: REBUILDING HOPE FOR THE ABBEY'S 1:00 PM: WINE WALK
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 AM: 2ND ANNUAL SCHIZOPHRENIA AWARENESS INFORMATION BOOTH
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 10:00 AM: MOVIE - CANVAS 5:00 PM: ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 10:00 AM: VOLUNTEER FOR MENTAL HEALTH
24	25	26	27	28 8:00 AM: COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY	29	30 9:00 AM: BELFAST COMMUNITY DAYS 11:00 AM: MEDITATION/ PRAYER WITH FR. KEVIN KRISO 1:00 PM: FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING - FIRST HERITAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION - HORNELL LOCATION
31 9:00 AM: BELFAST COMMUNITY DAYS	1	2	3	4 10:00 AM: GOLF TOURNAMENT & CLAMBAKE	5	6

CHAMBER EVENT OTHER COMMUNITY EVENT All Categories Print

Check on line for updates and additional events!

<https://wellsvilleareachamber.com/community-calendar/>

Send a flyer with your events to
msc@wellsvilleareachamber.com to be added
to our Community Calendar on our website!
(jpeg or png preferred)

April Board Member Spotlight

Board Member Spotlight: Bessie Davidson Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce – April 2026



For nearly three decades, if you've walked into Community Bank in Wellsville, there's a good chance you've been greeted by a familiar smile, someone who knows your name and might even ask how your kids are doing. That's the kind of connection Bessie Davidson has built over 26 years, growing from a teller into her role as Branch and Community Development Manager at Community Bank, N.A..

For Bessie, banking has never just been about numbers. It has always been about people.

"I've worked with the community since I was in high school," she recalls. She credits her early years as a waitress with teaching her how to multitask, connect with people, and get things done efficiently. Those skills have carried her through her professional journey and now guide her work beyond the bank, especially in her role on the Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where she has served for nearly six years.

Bessie's path to the Chamber was unexpected. When a fellow bank leader retired, Community Bank wanted to maintain a strong presence in the organization, and Bessie stepped in. What began as a professional responsibility quickly became a passion.

"Shortly after starting, I realized this was something I really enjoyed," she says. "It's about working together to bring our community together and showing people what an amazing hometown we have."

Her pride in Wellsville runs deep. She lived in the village for 17 years, raising her children there before moving to nearby Almond, but her roots in Wellsville remain strong.

"It's the family sense," she explains. "I still have customers asking about my kids, what they're up to, how they're doing. My kids grew up with my career and my customers."

That connection extends into her work with the Chamber. Bessie believes the organization plays a vital role in supporting local businesses by helping them network, market themselves, and celebrate what makes Wellsville special. Of all the Chamber's events, from Wine Walk to Brewfest to Main Street Fest, her favorite is Hometown Holidays. As event chair, she pours her energy into creating experiences that bring families together.

"We want people to come out, make memories, and enjoy time together," she says. "That's what it's all about."

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April Board Member Spotlight Continued

The season begins with Shop Small initiatives to encourage residents to support local businesses and continues with weeks of festive, family-friendly activities. For Bessie, it's more than an event; it's a reflection of what community should feel like.

"To me, community means feeling safe and welcome, no matter who you are," she says. "Even just a smile or saying hello can make a difference. I believe in treating others the way you would want your family treated."

That belief guides her personal life as well. Between her husband and herself, they have six children ranging in age from 15 to 28. They have also opened their home to help a local single mom, welcoming her twin seven-year-old boys and four-year-old daughter into their family.

If you've attended a local parade, you've likely seen them all together, walking, laughing, and handing out candy. "Those kids love being part of everything," Bessie says with a smile.

Even beyond family and community, Bessie continues to try new experiences. She attended her first concert at the age of 45 to see Jelly Roll and has since gone to several more, showing that no matter how rooted you are in your community, there is always room for new adventures.

Whether at the bank, a Chamber event, or volunteering with the Alfred Housing Committee, Bessie remains a connector, a helper, and a steady presence in the lives of those around her.

To meet her, stop into Community Bank during the week or catch her at almost any Chamber event. She'll be there, ready to lend a hand, share a smile, and remind everyone what makes Wellsville feel like home.



Community
BANK





Welcome New Members!

White Imprints, 138 N Main St, Wellsville NY

Gift Certificate Program

Does your company participate? It is very easy and provides additional advertising at no cost. With over \$30,000 sold in 2025, that money goes back to our local member businesses.

You can now order Gift Certificates on our website!

Member Benefits

- Hiring? We will be happy to post a flyer for you? You can also add it to our website for 30 days.
- We can now add your events to our Calendar of Events on our website! Check it out! Please send us your events. You may even find some of yours on there already!
- Schedule a month to use our display window to promote your business or event. It's prime advertising space!

Business After Hours

If you are interested in hosting your own Business After Hours, Please contact the Chamber.



Business Quote of the Month

“Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” — Winston Churchill

About the Chamber

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: **Carrie Redman**, The Arc Allegany Steuben

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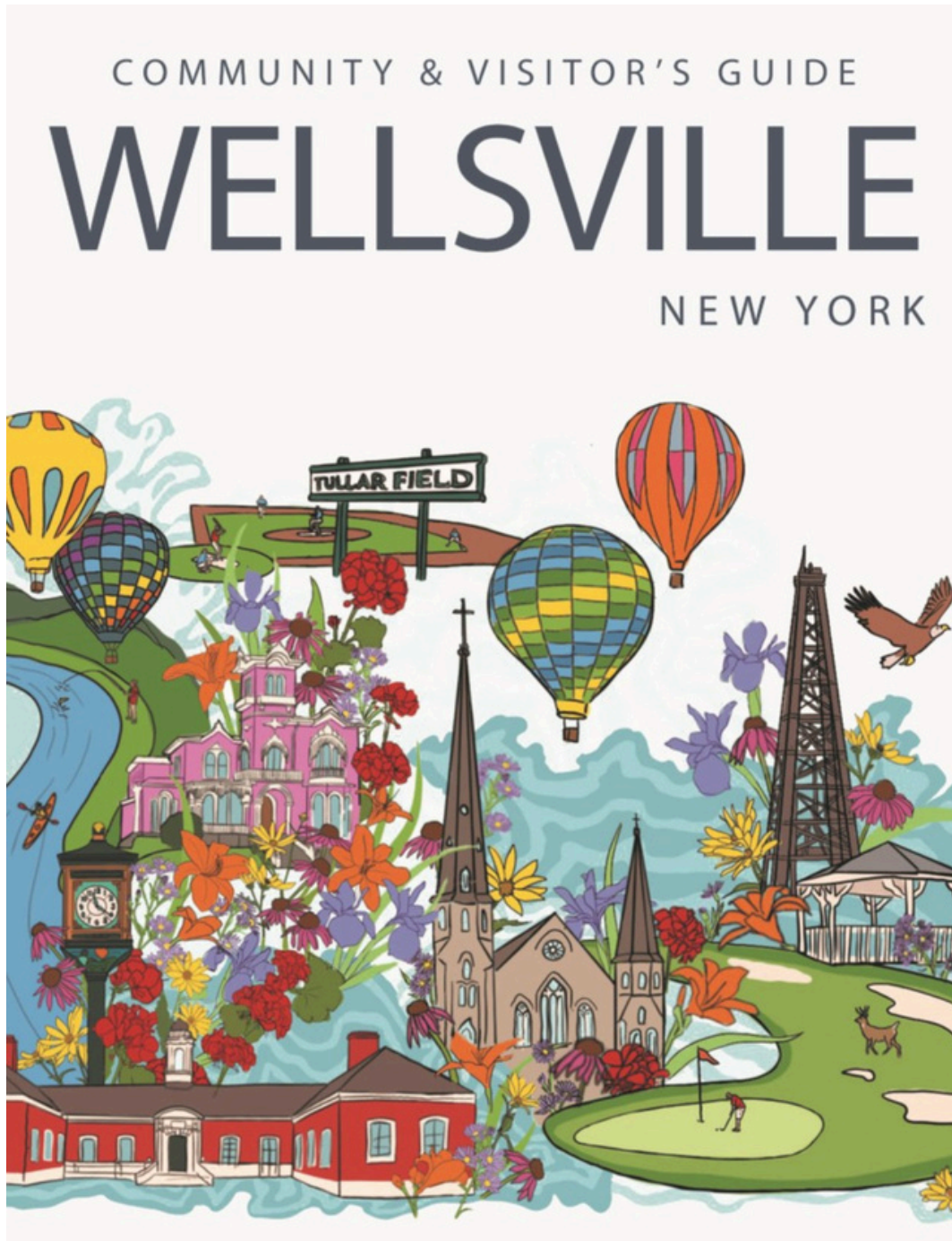


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